

Miriam questions Smokey agreement

EDN. Manila: Interim Executive Secretary said the government was on the fence about the agreement to be made with R.R. Builders to terminate their joint venture to develop the Smokey Mountain garbage dump into a residential and commercial complex.

Intelligence said the agreed with the termination of the contract but not with the terms and conditions stated in the agreement that was signed on Aug. 27, 2005.

"The conditions in terminating the contract are questionable in that it appears the government would sacrifice its law," said intelligence, who denounced the contract with Outsource Inc. and R.R. Builders to a private group that was, calling it a waste of money.

Intelligence asked for a review in termination of the Smokey Mountain project and said former President Fidel Ramos, under whose

administration it was approved, would have to be the probe.

But it was subsequently revealed that the contract between the National Housing Authority and R.R. Builders had been terminated last year. Under the terms of the termination agreement, the government would pay R.R. Builders P200 million as a partial settlement of its claims for the land since the project was begun in 1995.

It also provided for the transfer of a three-hectare portion of the 17-hectare area in Marikina to R.R. Builders as part of compensation for "services."

The government is also to pay the balance of the P1.8-billion contract being claimed by the former firm.

But intelligence said there was no need for the government to negotiate with R.R. Builders, and it should have "unilaterally" rescinded the contract, filed a case

against them for the breach of contract and sought damages.

But it was also said the contract with R.R. Builders "legal, legal and constitutional" because the termination of the contract was done by the government, and it was not a private agreement between the government and R.R. Builders.

Officials at the NHA and R.R. Builders Inc. yesterday were asked about the termination agreement.

Architect Francis Alano, area manager of the NHA and former project manager of the Smokey Mountain Development and Industrial Project (SMDIP), said he has been told that he is to be paid by the government for his services in the project.

"We will never let go of the project," said Alano, who is also a member of the SMDIP board of directors. "We are the developers and the investors."



A MOTHER and her daughter cross a makeshift dirt road at the Smokey Mountain landfill project in Manila. Construction is at a standstill for lack of funds. The project is now under Senate investigation following allegations of irregularities.

ERC wants court to reverse ruling on Meralco rate hike

By Philip C. Tuleza

MANILA (PNA) - The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has asked the Supreme Court to reverse its ruling last month regarding the regulatory agency's approval of a rate increase petition from the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco).

In a decision filed on Monday, COMELEC ordered Meralco to suspend its rate increase until the Supreme Court has ruled on the case.

In its ruling, the COMELEC said the rate increase petition was "unlawful" and "void ab initio."

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By Michael J. Sison and Marvin R. Harte

MANILA (PNA) - Senator Pimentel said the deal struck between the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) for the 2004 election was "overpriced."

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24-hour watch mullied on corrupt officials

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RP to send troops to Iraq only through United Nations

By TJ Burge

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Joint RP-US military exercises to continue despite strained ties

By TJ Burgonio

JOINT military exercises between Filipino and American troops will continue as scheduled in the next four months despite the strained relations between the Philippines and the United States in the aftermath of last month's pullout of Filipino troops from Iraq.

After the recent joint exercise, codenamed Balanced Piston 04-3, ended on Friday in North Cotabato, another joint naval exercise, dubbed Palah 05-1, kicked off in Mindanao, officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

These joint exercises show that the relations between the two countries are "on track," Foreign Affairs Secretary Delia Albert said.

Balanced Piston, staged for three weeks in Carmen starting July 26, honed the skills of 199 Filipino troops from the Army's 602nd Brigade in marksmanship, combat medical skills and small unit tactics, said Foreign Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes II.

The joint training, a component of the military assistance program under the Visiting Forces Agreement, has been hailed a success by Philippine and US officials, added Paredes, executive director of the VFA Commission.

"The joint military training shows that our relations with the United States are firmly on

track," Albert said in a statement.

The Philippine government's decision to withdraw its 51-man humanitarian contingent from Iraq to save a Filipino truck driver held captive by Iraqi militants last month had set off speculations that the Philippines could face backlash from the United States.

Palah, or Exercise Pangdagat, Lupa at Himpapawid, a navy-to-navy exercise involving combat troops of the Philippine Special Warfare Group and the US Navy Seals, kicked off last Aug. 5 and will end on Dec. 31, Paredes said.

It was not known, however, how many troops are involved and the number of ships participating in the exercise.

"If it's marine exercise, any of our coastal areas maybe a site for exercises like this," he said.

Apart from this, an information exchange training, dubbed RP-US Joint Advisors Intel Fusion Teams, is simultaneously being conducted in Mindanao, Paredes said. He could not provide further details.

Another naval maneuver exercise, codenamed Maritime Survey Exercises 04-4 (Mar-survey), has been lined up for the fourth quarter of the year.

"We might have another Balanced Piston, 04-4, immediately after the just concluded one," Paredes said.

SC bares finalists in judiciary awards

By Philip C. tubeza

THE SUPREME Court yesterday announced the finalists in this year's Judicial Excellence Awards, the high tribunal's spokesperson said yesterday.

Lawyer Ismael Khan Jr., head of the SC public information office, said the SC Committee on Judicial Excellence has trimmed down the list of nominees for the country's most outstanding judges and clerks of court.

The results would be released next week while the awards ceremonies will be held on Sept. 17 at the SC.

Khan said the Committee on Judicial Excellence, through the Board of Judges, will choose the winners for best regional trial court judges, best pre-trial judges, best civil case decision, best criminal case decision and best clerks of court for first and second-level courts.

The finalists for best RTC judges are Henry D. Arles, Juliana D. Azarraga, Elsa I. de Guzman, Agustin S. Dizon, Simeon R. Dumdum Jr., Marissa M. Guillen, Gabriel T. Ingles, Edgardo T. Lloren, Sixto C. Marella Jr. and Myma D. Vidal.

The winners will be chosen after a review of their efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out their duties and responsibilities and their initiatives, innovativeness and resourcefulness in meeting the exigencies of the service.

The search committee will also take into account the public perception of the nominees' honesty, impartiality, diligence, avoiding impropriety "and appearance of impropriety" in all activities.

Khan said the winners should also be noted for upholding judicial integrity and independence; their contributions to the administration of justice, and leadership in the judiciary and the community.

The Committee on Judicial Excellence is chaired this year by Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban with Justice Antonio T. Carpio as vice chairman. The members are Khan, Court Administrator Presbitero J. Velasco Jr., Atty. Luzviminda D. Puno (clerk of court), Atty. Edna E. Diño (chief attorney), and Joseph Bryan Hilary P. Davide (chief justice's staff head).

This is the first time the SC will be handling the search exclusively. Last year, the Committee coordinated with the Foundation for Judicial Excellence, a private organization, which had been managing the search since 1991.

Beginning this year, however, the search will no longer include awards for Outstanding Prosecutors and Public Attorneys which will be now exclusive to members of the judiciary.

Khan said that the tribunal came up with the awards 13 years ago to inspire judiciary members to perform better.

"It's part of the Supreme Court's continuing effort to reform the judicial branch by recognizing its best performers," Khan said.

575 Pinoys still detained in jails in Middle East

By Cynthia D. Balana

AT LEAST 575 more Filipinos, mostly domestic helpers, were still languishing in jails in Kuwait, Israel and Bahrain last year, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

This brings the total of Filipino prisoners outside the Philippines to 3,431, and the number of countries reported with Filipino detainees to 59.

Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri (Lakas, third district, Bukidnon) said the Philippine Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel reported that from January to June last year, 246 Filipinos were under house arrest, or had pending cases in court.

They were detained in the Ramie, Hadera and Nazareth prisons in Israel. One Filipino, detained at Abu Khabir maximum security prison, is serving three life-terms for murder.

In Kuwait, 327 Filipinos, 22 of whom are men, were detained during the same period.

But the alleged offenses committed by Filipino women paled in comparison to the offenses committed against them, Zubiri said.

In the first six months of the year, Filipino women lodged with the Philippine embassy, 412 complaints of physical abuse, 258 complaints of verbal abuse, and 525 complaints of oppressive working conditions against their employers.

Zubiri also said that based on the report of the office of the foreign undersecretary for migrant workers affairs in the DFA, majority of the detained workers were not given a day-off by employers.

In Bahrain, a Filipino and a Filipina were in detention during the first half of last year. The Filipina, who was convicted of arson, was the subject of a campaign for royal clemency.

Of last year's total of 3,431 Filipino overseas detainees, 979 were women.

NEWSBRIEFS

Veritas reporter buried

VICTORIA, Laguna—A convoy of about 50 vehicles carrying relatives, neighbors, town mates from Nagecarlan town and friends joined the funeral procession on Tuesday afternoon of slain Radio Veritas reporter Fernando Consignado, who was killed in Nagecarlan town Thursday last week. The funeral followed a Mass at 2 p.m. in La Resurrection Parish here. Fr. Romulo Ponte, former Victoria parish priest and Mass celebrant, said in his homily that the death of Consignado, the fourth media casualty in 12 days, was alarming. Consignado's four children, five grandchildren and eight siblings were all on hand for the Mass and the interment at the Garden of Angels Cemetery here. His killer, who shot the victim in the head, is still at large and remains unidentified. *PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

36 solons form women's bloc

SOME 36 congresswomen in the 13th Congress have formed the Lady Legislators Bloc to make the women voice strong in the House. Rep. Cynthia Villar (Nacionalista Party-Las Piñas), who was elected convener and president of the bloc for the second time, said the group was a force to reckon with in the 12th Congress. The group, together with the House committee on women, were behind the enactment of women and family-related measures that included the Anti-Trafficking of Women and Children Act, the Anti-Domestic Violence Act, and an Act Eliminating the Worst forms of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection to Children. In the past three years, the women's bloc in Congress launched various programs for the benefit of the women sector ranging from free medical services, and plays regarding courage of women. These include the "Vagina Monologue" and "Ang Hibik at Himagsik ni Victoria Lakdaw." It also sponsored massive discussion of women's rights and pushed for the implementation of Gender and Development (GAD) fund for women's concerns. *Cynthia D. Balana*

Business backs GMA appointees

LEADERS of the country's largest business groups have expressed full support for President Macapagal Arroyo on her appointments to the Cabinet as they denied media reports that erroneously quoted them as pushing for the retention of three Cabinet secretaries. The statement of support was issued by Noemi Saludo, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI); Donald Dee, president of the Employers' Confederation of the Philippines; Sergio Ortiz-Luiz, president of the Philippine Exporters Confederation; Francis Chua, chair of the PCCI Philippines Foundation; and Miguel Varela, chair emeritus and president of the PCCI Philippines Inc. Foundation. They said the President should have a free hand in her appointments, and in choosing who she feels would be the best and brightest of the candidates for her cabinet. The business leaders also expressed full support for the appointment of Arthur Yap as agriculture secretary.

The WORLD

Editor: Loretta B. Gaudin

Mission to end fighting in Najaf fails

BAGHDAD—Delegates began voting Wednesday for members of the Iraqi National Council, but said they would use a second emergency delegation to the holy city of Najaf after a failed mission to end fighting nearly two weeks of shelling there between U.S. forces and Shiite militants.

After the shelling, an eight-member delegation from the conference here Tuesday in Najaf to convene Shite leaders failed to end the fighting. The delegation from the United Nations, which had been sent to Najaf to help end the fighting, said it was unable to do so.

Kerry warns troop pullout to impair US security

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State George W. Bush's plan to pull out as many as 30,000 troops from Iraq would impair US security, particularly in the war against terrorism, according to a senior Pentagon official.

In a speech to the House of Representatives Wednesday, the official said that the plan would "undermine our ability to win the war against terrorism." He said that the plan would "undermine our ability to win the war against terrorism." He said that the plan would "undermine our ability to win the war against terrorism."

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U.S. Army soldiers fight from a fortified position near the cemetery in Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 11.

Arafat admits 'mistakes,' vows reforms

RAMMATH, West Bank—In a new admission of responsibility, Yasser Arafat said Wednesday that he had made "mistakes" and promised to reform.

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WORLD BRIEFS

African leaders discuss power, mistrust
ABUJA, Nigeria—African leaders gathered here Wednesday to discuss power, mistrust, and the need for reform. They discussed power, mistrust, and the need for reform.

Legal experts defend Milosevic
THE HAGUE—Legal experts defended Slobodan Milosevic here Wednesday, saying that he was not responsible for the war in Bosnia. They defended Milosevic, saying that he was not responsible for the war in Bosnia.

UN warns of skyrocketing food prices in N. Korea
GENEVA—The United Nations warned here Wednesday that food prices in North Korea were skyrocketing. They warned that food prices in North Korea were skyrocketing.

Japan developing flying robot
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Maoist guerrillas blockade Nepal capital

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US ELECTIONS

How would Jesus vote?

ALBANY, N.Y.—Just a few miles from Jesus' office where 25 President George W. Bush-owned to state government, a pair of religious experts weighed a question with relevance to many people of faith: How would Jesus vote?

It's a complex topic that can't be boiled down to simple conclusions, said religious leaders who attended a Times North Network conference in Albany on Tuesday.

James L. Moore, co-author of a book on Bush's presiding church, laughter and applause when he addressed voters to the moderate faith-leasing crowd of about 250 clergy lay leaders.

"I've been told a leading faith-based, 'I was Jesus Christ,'" Moore said at Georgetown's Aquinas Institute. "I think the respect from folks was the original Democrats."

In the November presidential elec-

tion, more, many at the conference voiced concern that the conservative religious right dominates discussions of faith and morality in American politics. They complained that issues such as abortion and gay marriage seem to take priority over hunger, corporate scandal and even the war in Iraq.

Some research has found that white Catholics who attend worship services at least once a week are five times likely to vote Republican, while less frequent worshippers and those who are not religious tend to lean Democratic. Many analysts have criticized Democrats for failing to reach more of America's religious voters.

"The moral issue and the headlines have co-opted people of faith," said the Rev. Tom Hays, pastor of St. John's Protestant Church in Manhattan, south of New York City. "It would be a surprise to a lot of folks to discover that there are

more very liberal, regular church members who aren't going to vote for Bush."

Conservative pastors such as Jerry Falwell and the Southern Baptist Convention at times have said morality is all about when you stand on abortion, how you vote here and there. "I think that is simply wrong," said John G. Meyer, senior fellow at the Washington-based Center for American Progress.

They've also said since John F. Kennedy, a Republican who quickly professed his evangelical Catholic beliefs, against Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, a Roman Catholic who is more hesitant to discuss his faith publicly.

The Rev. Timothy Hall, a pastor of United Methodist Church in Seattle, declined to say whom he would support in November, but added at the perception that Bush was the only choice for people of faith. **AP**

Famed Life fotog dead at 97

NEW YORK—Carl Mydans, who photographed 20th-century events from the Great Depression to riots and politics and was a chronic member of the life magazine staff that produced magazine photojournalists, has died. He was 97.

Mydans died Monday night of heart failure at his home in Manhattan, according to his son, Seth.

Mydans traveled the world with his camera, witnessing and recording landmarks of history—the post-9/11 attacks in New York City, the 1960s anti-war protests, the Vietnam War, the 1968 election of Lyndon B. Johnson, the 1969-70 famine in the Philippines. Photographers during their lives shared excitement for "collaboration" with the Times, and the Japanese ambassador asked the his-

torship Life Magazine in 1945.

Among his more memorable photos was one showing Japanese soldiers and civilians in New York, 1945, resulting in newspaper with the headline "President Bush Dead."

His wife, Shelley Sarah Mydans, was also a journalist, and they often teamed up. During World War II, they were imprisoned by the Japanese for nearly two years. Shelley Mydans died two years ago.

Carl Mydans' habit of carrying a camera-published him to countless awards and prizes in later years as a photographer he was known for keeping detailed diaries, and he had a parallel career as an author of books. **AP**

Figueroa's next target: Beijing Games



ATHLETE—The timing after his second round win at 145 pounds in the Athens Olympics, he said, was to check in with Oscar Figueroa. He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.

"I want to go to the Olympics," said the 29-year-old Filipino only 10 days after winning gold in the 145-pound weight class in Athens. "I want to go to the Olympics." He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.

Paulo Roberto Lopez, who won the 145-pound title at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, said he was "in the mood to go to the Olympics." He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.

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Oscar Figueroa said he's hoping to win a medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.

He also said he's looking forward to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.

Brin seeks repeat over Thai

By Amanda T. Bognardi

ATHLETE—Thomas Brin has confidence in his abilities. He also has faith in his own abilities. He's now looking forward to the Beijing Games.



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SPORTSWATCH

Hawthorne drivers eye key wins

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Payla kisses ...

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COINING

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Sta. Elena off to hot start in Luzon

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Altas regain mean form, down Stags

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Drilon Capmaris: 127th anniversary

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St. Francis, San Pedro grab lead

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Bautista snares WBO title

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Now serving:
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By Maria Fomonova
Contributor

IF YOU happened to be in Germany on August 1, you might find a rather peculiar sight: instead of a bunch of crazy people running around in naked aprons, coughing noisily into their elbows and guffawing down fits of laconic mirth.

Many were there, you might say. They were participating in the first Antipod Festival, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The festival was held in a large, open field in the heart of the city. The festival was held in a large, open field in the heart of the city. The festival was held in a large, open field in the heart of the city.

The carriage had had 10 five-minute stops, running and climbing steadily, giving their hosts one or two looks and willing down loads of food and drink for the current pile of two round-trip tickets to Hong Kong through London.

Dining out has never been this much fun: Visa's new promo promises a free meal for you and a generous bonus for your server.

Pen-filled race

And now they do. With treatment at the road of Gamschok II all the way up to Red Star is the third floor of Gamschok II, with stops at Ma Mui Ouker, Red Star, and Mushuok of Tolo in between.

The adventure began and ended at Temple Hill, where hosts Tonia Chingichinga and Neelke and Lisa van der Wal welcomed the progression of the race on TV monitors and welcomed the visitors. Meike, Tonia's husband, composed of Angel Squares, Bob Coleman of Unionbank, Marlene and Curti Hoeser provided additional fun. Food, Music, and Dance followed.

It was a hair-filled event that marked the beginning of an equally hair-pulling process. All the contestants sat at microphones, plus 20 heads in the audience. In 10 minutes (with a 15-minute run-in to El Pueblo in Oregon and eight in Fresno) City Limits Q&A shot up to a total of 24 places where that conflictive conversation took place. In addition to Fresno, Sacramento, and a handful of other locations, the event was also held in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Yes, you read right: a free meal. It's like "Memory Lane" will be on the lookout for customers paying for their meal with their MasterCard and/or American Express who promise direct to us Post. If the Memory Lane cardholder you using a Visa card to pay for your bill, he/she will automatically be considered as a cardholder of PL0003, and the waiter who served you, will receive a tip of \$1.000...on the spot. That means a free meal for you and a generous tip for the waiter!

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Three students in orange aprons are working together in a kitchen, likely preparing food for the community meal.



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The Memory House will clarify the dining distinction—different dates for the catered and plated of the promotion, which runs until March 2009, allowing lucky diners the chance to win more than once.

Freebies Besides the possibility of getting a discount on most line of change, donors can get something (such as a notebook) purchased by simply paying with a Visa credit or debit card at one of our participating vendors.

for brother George (died 1813 with a number of other apostles) at Old Church, in Italy. Philip Nicholas and George Fane at Gertrude's birth, or doesn't she think Bright Chapel at Farnham House, Guss. Malins at TALL, Philip's, Theodore, Thomas at Old Church, or Guss. (he died in 1771).

Since credit has the potential to not only profit the consumer but for Visa's merchant partners, and will surely help the companies reach its goal to increase merchant sales.

Best time you can visit, look for the "Summer Style" pattern and then sign orders with your Miss card. What time? We may be surprised how many orders we can take!

Savor the goodness of sea cucumber

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30/01/2012 **Wine and biscuits** after Picnic in Boudouvilleville, Australia, last. From left: *Agavechilli* Kites & Promoters, *Stomach*

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Good old days are back

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The birds were perfectly cooked the way we'd hoped, like duck breasts. The pizza also came faster and crispier. With the other equipment, we don't achieve the same balance. Sometimes the toppings are overcooked (chicken, the sauce is thin), Gargano adds.

With the know-how of the big-name bar, Shakey's has become a favorite for families with kids. For only \$6.99, customers can eat their own ice cream sandwiches. They can choose between vanilla and chocolate. Some variety of spicy flavors like chocolate and anise. Shakey's also has top-notch conversation with chocolate bars, candy sprinkles, and Dimes, said, pineapple or caramels.

So far, Shakey's ice cream bars have been out top at the Georgetown, 301 North 14th and 301 Avenue (across De la Salle University) branches.

Restoration

A modest diner since 1973, Shakey's, which has now 45 branches across the country, "couldn't" a big name in the 1990s. In 2003, a big change occurred, when Gargano left and his son took the brand's reins. "It became more like a buffet," he says. "Shakey's is very clearly an



WITH Shakey's new look, its founder Sherwood "Shakey" Johnson now works in one of its stores.



SHERWOOD Johnson, founder/manager of the 45 Shakey's Inc.

a buffet place. If you want a quick bite and a snack only \$10 is less. Shakey's is just not the place."

He adds, "Shakey's is a family or a casual dining restaurant. It is a place to enjoy what you eat with family and friends. Shakey's is there every place and you cannot go to a place. You have to take it back all the time."

Gargano, who joined the company only last year, knew Shakey's needed a shot in the arm. "When I got in, the restaurant just didn't look and feel like Shakey's. It was all chains and fluorescent lamps. Colors were dull. They used colors that were not Shakey's, like red and green. Shakey's loved, yellow and orange. It is a good, yellow lamp, long tables and some beautiful seating area for the family."

Thus, Shakey's is returning to its old look. Its

new, fast-food, ambience, its more fancy rounded legs. The family 1970s insignia is put with the same Shakey's Pizza Chain. It took. The "unbeatable, warm and familiar" look of yellow lamps and long tables back. "We have to be in the back, the elements of the old Shakey's. We have to work on the strength Shakey's has built all these years. Like green food, great service, family place and friendly people," says Gargano.

Shakey's efforts are paying off by gaining new prestigious awards. It has just been named the Great Dining Place by the National Shoppers' Choice award and the number one national place chain in the country by the National Commerce Union.

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Aromatherapy in a cup

If you are having trouble sleeping your day right, here a cup of tea that helps in the morning.

Drinking tea is regularly a form of aromatherapy, as it releases your mind and makes you feel good. Inside the body, it is supposed to release a mixture of compounds that stimulate the brain, soothe the cells, aid digestion and calm the nerves.

Tea such as Chamomile tea is known to make you sleep better and relax your body.

The Green Yellow Label Tea is made from a blend of premium quality leaves from all over the world.



Jackie Lee stars in new 555 Carne Norte TV commercial

Jackie Lee, 35, is the new star of the 555 Carne Norte TV commercial. She is a former Miss 555 Carne Norte.

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